



**WHEREAS**, the bicycle plays an important role in the lives of many Rockville residents by providing a means to travel to work, school, and parks, and a popular form of recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, increased bicycle usage will promote health and wellness in the City of Rockville and is an important part of encouraging all citizens to develop habits of physical activity to become or stay fit, avoid obesity and reduce the risk of many chronic diseases and conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, increased bicycle usage can help reduce motor vehicle emissions and thereby reduce global warming impacts, provide mobility for those without access to a motor vehicle, and increase existing road and parking capacity when people choose bicycling for utilitarian trips, and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockville Public Works Department, along with the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee promote and encourage bicycling through effective programs and partnerships that target distinct populations of all ages and backgrounds.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim May, 2010 as Bicycle Awareness Month, and urge all citizens of Rockville to seek opportunities to ride bicycles this month and throughout the year; to recognize the importance of bicycle safety; and to be more aware of our cyclists on our streets and roadways.

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember

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May 3, 2010